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HOUSE BILL 1574  
By Rinks

AN ACT to amend Chapter 351 of the Private Acts of 1968; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the Town of Decaturville.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 18 of Chapter 351 of the Private Acts of 1968, as amended by Chapter 256 of the Private Acts of 1980, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 18. The Town of Decaturville shall call for an election to be held on the first Tuesday of November 2004 and the first Tuesday of November every four (4) years thereafter, being the same day as the state general election, to elect a Mayor and six (6) Aldermen. Those persons elected and qualified on the first Tuesday of November 2004 shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, ten (10) months and twenty-eight (28) days and shall take office on the second Tuesday in January 2005 with their terms ending on the second Tuesday in December 2008. Beginning with the 2008 election and every four (4) years thereafter, persons elected and qualified shall be elected to four (4) year terms to assume office at the time set for the beginning of the first regular meeting of the

board on the second Tuesday in December following the election and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified. All candidates shall meet the petition requirements as established by state law and enforced by the Election Commission.

All candidates for the office of Mayor or Alderman shall be legal residents within the Town of Decaturville, shall have had their residences within the Town for not less than one (1) year prior to the election in which they are candidates, and be legally qualified voters within the Town.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Decaturville. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Decaturville and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.